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The Governor's Office on Service and Volunteerism (GOSV) is a unit of the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives. Through federal funding, the GOSV annually sponsors [13 AmeriCorps State programs](#) that support 1,000 AmeriCorps members. These members provide support for disaster services, economic opportunity, education, environmental stewardship, healthy futures, and veterans and military families in Maryland. The GOSV also advocates for effective volunteer program management and recognizes volunteer service across the state on behalf of the Governor of Maryland.

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**Governor O'Malley Announces Governor's Volunteer Appreciation Day
at the Maryland State Fair**

Baltimore, MD (July 8, 2013) – Governor Martin O'Malley extends an invitation to all Marylanders involved in volunteer service to spend a fun-filled Sunday at the Maryland State Fair on August 25, 2013. The Governor's Volunteer Appreciation Day is presented by the Office of the Governor and the Maryland State Fair.

"Each year Maryland's volunteers give nearly 180 million hours of their time to our communities and we thank them for their service," said Governor O'Malley. "I invite every volunteer in the State to come to the Maryland State Fair on August 25 to celebrate the 2013 Governor's Volunteer Appreciation Day."

To thank Maryland's volunteers for their countless hours of service, Governor O'Malley is offering Maryland's volunteers discounted admission to the Maryland State Fair on August 25, 2013 at the price of \$2.00. Each pass allows admission of up to five (5) people who have volunteered in Maryland during the past year. The pass will also entitle the patron to discounts on the purchase of food tickets and ride packages from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on August 25 only. The discounted food and ride passes will be good until closing. In case of inclement weather that forces the closing of the Fair on that date, the Governor's discounts will be honored on Sunday, September 1. To request passes, visit www.GOSV.maryland.gov.